



BULLETIN:

Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos and Technical Assistance Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance, and compliance with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos

1. CACFP 14-2017 Modification to Accommodate Disabilities in the CACFP and SFSP
2. CACFP 15-2017 2017 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals
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1. CACFP 14-2017 Modification to Accommodate Disabilities in the CACFP and SFSP

This policy memo includes important updates to the requirements related to accommodating children and adults (participants) with disabilities receiving meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Alaska Child Nutrition Programs is expecting more guidance from USDA to state agencies, and will in turn notify agencies with further information and training. The Policy Memo can be found with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

2. CACFP 15-2017 2017 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals

The policy outlines the manual and what is new in the 2017 Edition. This is a very good tool to use if there are questions on the Confidential Income Statements that are submitted by families during the

September study month. There are Q&As after each section. You can find the policy memo and the Eligibility Guidelines with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

3. CACFP 16-2017 Grain Based Desserts in the CACFP

This policy memo updates Exhibit A to change the subscript for sweet crackers and allow these as a grain item, versus a grain-based dessert. Graham crackers and animal crackers are allowed with the new meal pattern which begins October 1, 2017. This was discussed at the CACFP annual training and Exhibit A was provided as a training document. The Policy Memo, which includes the updated Exhibit A can be found with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

4. CACFP 17-2017 Documenting Meals in the CACFP

This policy memo clarifies requirements for documenting meals and recording menus. Since agencies are not required to document production records in Alaska they must document on their menus the portion sizes served to the age groups of participating children or youth. Cycle menu templates and infant menu/meal count forms have been updated and distributed so all agencies will be in compliance for FY2017. The Policy Memo, which includes the updated Exhibit A can be found with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

5. Respond to CACFP annual training questionnaire through SurveyMonkey

A training evaluation was sent to all annual training participants through SurveyMonkey. We appreciate your feedback in helping us plan upcoming trainings. It is always a challenge to meet all participants' needs during annual training and we are looking for ways to help program operators understand compliance with this sometimes complicated program. Please respond to the survey as soon as possible to help our office plan trainings that are meaningful for you.

6. USDA CACFP At-Risk Fact Sheets available in Spanish

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) now has "How to Participate in At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Fact Sheet" in Spanish. This document is available on the FNS public website located at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-programs>

7. Food Recovery for Child Nutrition Programs in Alaska Fact Sheet

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development have collaborated on guidance for implementing food recovery at school-aged child nutrition programs. This outlines how agencies can donate the leftover food from their child nutrition program to local food banks, food pantries, homeless shelters and similar non-profit charitable organizations. The fact sheet can be found with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

8. Share Tables for Child Nutrition Programs in Alaska

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development have collaborated on guidance for implementing share tables at schools and other school age child nutrition programs. The fact sheet can be found with this bulletin at: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

9. Back-to-School Recipes from USDA Team Nutrition:



United States Department of Agriculture



[Team Nutrition](#) has more fantastically fun and nutritious USDA recipes ready for you to try! Featuring legumes, whole grains, and dark green, red, and orange vegetables, these recipes are standardized to yield 25-50 servings for CACFP and 50-100 servings for schools, and provide updated crediting information for use in Child Nutrition Programs.

Take a peek at these recipes!

[Vegetable Quesadilla for CACFP](#)

[Vegetable Quesadilla for Schools](#)



[Chinese Style Vegetables with Tofu for CACFP](#)

[Chinese Style Vegetables with Tofu for Schools](#)



[Whole-Grain Dinner Roll for CACFP](#)

[Whole-Grain Dinner Roll for Schools](#)



[Spiced Oatmeal for CACFP](#)

[Spiced Oatmeal for Schools](#)



Nutritious and delicious recipes can be found here:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/usda-standardized-recipe>

10. Webinars from The Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) Infant/Toddler Specialist Network and Infant/Toddler Resources

The Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) Infant/Toddler Specialist Network will host a series of 1-hour *Hot Topic Webinars* on the 3rd Wednesday of each month running through December 20, 2017. Each webinar will be held from 1:30–2:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Descriptions of the scheduled topics can be found on the Hot Topics sheet enclosed with this bulletin at:

<http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.



Child Care State Capacity Building Center Releases New Infant/Toddler Resources

The Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) recently released several new resources that support policies and practices to increase the supply of high-quality infant and toddler child care. All these resources are now available in the **Infant/Toddler Resource Guide**.

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/infant-toddler-resource-guide>

11. Mealtime Memo – Appropriate Eating for Young Children

This Mealtime Memo focuses on serving healthy meals that meet the CACFP guidelines to children and things to remember when serving this population. You can find the Mealtime Memo at the CACFP Bulletins page: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
LEA – Local Education Authority
DEC – Department of Conservation

All attachments for this bulletin can be found on the State of Alaska Child Nutrition Programs, CACFP Bulletins page: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

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